

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 289
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Doyle Gaines
upon being named the Tennessee "Retired
Teacher of the Year".

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those special persons who dedicate themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people have shaped the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines is one such remarkable citizen whose exceptional work as an educator for thirty-eight years has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines is the 1997 recipient of the Tennessee "Retired Teacher of the Year" Award for his outstanding performance and wonderful contributions to education for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, this honor brings distinction to himself, Macon County schools and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines will represent Tennessee in the national competition for "Retired Teacher of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech, his master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his E.d.s. degree from Tennessee Tech; and

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WHEREAS, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines began his meritorious educational career at Macon County High School in 1957, teaching biology and coaching the basketball, football and baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Doyle Gaines was elected superintendent of the Macon County Schools; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious tenure as superintendent, Doyle Gaines had a profound impact on education reform in Tennessee and was responsible for federal education reform legislation that has been law for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, even retirement, Doyle Gaines still plays an integral role in education and public service; and

WHEREAS, for the past six years, Doyle Gaines has been a County Executive and currently serves as Chairman of the Macon County Commission; and

WHEREAS, he has been a stalwart supporter of the Macon County School Board's education reform legislation, which passed in the 1991 Tennessee legislative session; and

WHEREAS, he presently serves with distinction as the chairman of the Tri-County Vocational Board, which administers vocational programs to students from five high schools in a three county area; and

WHEREAS, his years as a benevolent contributor to his community are commendable. He serves his fellow citizens nobly through his work with many community agencies, as the Director of the Macon County Wellness Council, the Head Start Council, the ABC Home Health Board, the Cordell Hull Economic Council, the Macon County Public Health Board, the Macon County Cancer Crusade Chapter and the Macon County Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines has been the recipient of several awards and accolades, even a brief list of which is inspiring: the Distinguished Service Award by the Commissioner of Education, the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Cordell Hull Economic Opportunity

Agency, the Special Trust and Recognition Award from Volunteer State Community College, the Outstanding Service to the State of Tennessee Award by the Tennessee Association of County Executives and the Trustee Council Award of Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Doyle Gaines is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, four children and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Doyle Gaines who, through his dedication to the profession he loves and the people he treasures, has had an extraordinary influence on Tennessee's most precious resource, its young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Doyle Gaines upon being named the Tennessee "Retired Teacher of the Year" and salute his profound devotion to his profession and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.